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# **PROBLEM SOLUTION ORGANIZATION PATTERNS**



# Problem -Solution Essay

- Needed overall elements:
  - Persuasive Proposal
  - Real Problem (local)
  - Feasible Solution




# Basic Elements

- Audience Analysis (who can solve the problem?)
- Demonstrate that the problem exists
- Demonstrate that the solution is feasible
- Answer possible objections (and refute them!)
- Adequate Support (research, interviews, surveys...)



# POSSIBLE PATTERNS



# Simple Problem -Solving Pattern

I. Introduction (thesis statement-problem)

II.The problem

(background/demonstration)

III.The solution(s)

IV. Answering possible objections

V. Conclusion (recommendation/call to action)

# Alternative Problem -Solving Pattern

- I. Introduction (thesis statement)
- II. The problem (background/demonstration)
- III. Evaluation of alternative solution 1 (not feasible + evidence)
- IV. Evaluation of alternative solution 2 (not feasible + evidence)
- V. Evaluation of alternative solution 3 (feasible + evidence + answering objections)
- VI. Implementation plan
- VII. Conclusion (call to action)

# Step-by-Step Problem Solving Pattern

I. Introduction (thesis statement)

II. The problem  
(background/demonstration)

III. Recommended solution/feasibility

IV. Implementation plan: step 1

V. Implementation plan: step 2

VI. Implementation plan: step 3

VII. Conclusion (call to action)

# Point-by-Point Problem Solving Pattern

- I. Introduction (thesis statement)
- II. The overall problem  
(background/demonstration)
- III. One part of the problem, its solution,  
evidence, possible objections
- IV. Second part of the problem, its solution,  
evidence, possible objections
- V. Third part of the problem, its solution,  
evidence, possible objections
- VI. Conclusion: Implementation (call to action)



# Thesis Statements

- 1 solution:
  - Even though some may argue against it, the problem in *Montes de Oca* with the *San Pedro* bus schedules can be solved by changing the company that provides the service so that the users' needs are met.
- 2 solutions:
  - Even though some may argue against it, the problem in *Montes de Oca* with the *San Pedro* bus schedules can be solved by either challenging MOPT into forcing the company to keep a steady schedule, or changing the company that provides the service so that the users' needs are met.